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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN'S KING HAMAD ON NATO'S USE OF ISA AIR  
BASE, LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS TO U.S. NAVY

REF: MANAMA 647 Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) SUMMARY: King Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa told the Ambassador that he would await a recommendation from the United States before moving forward.
- 2.(C) King Hamad summoned the Ambassador to a meeting on Tuesday, January 12, during the course of which he raised two issues concerning bilateral
- 3.(C) The King also offered some blue-sky thinking on the U.S. regional security presence. He said he wanted to ensure a U.S. naval presence in